

REMARKS

A total of 6 claims remain in the present application. The foregoing amendments are presented in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 7, 2007, wherefore reconsideration is respectfully requested. By way of the foregoing amendments, claims 14, 19 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-13, 16-18, 22 and 24-26 have been cancelled. Clearly, no new subject matter has been introduced by way of the foregoing amendments.

Referring now to the text of the Office Action,:

- claims 1-4, 6, 10-11, 16-18, 22 and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over the teaching of United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0116187 (Erten);
- claims 5, 7-9 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over the teaching of Erten in view of Applicant's admitted prior art;
- claims 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over the teaching of Erten in view of United States Patent No. 6,707,910 (Valve et al.); and
- claims 14-15, 19-21 and 23 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14-15, 19-21 and 23. Accordingly, claims 14, 19 and 23 have been amended in the manner indicated by the Examiner, and rejected claims 1-13, 16-18, 22 and 24-26 cancelled.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and early action in that respect is courteously solicited.

If any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully submitted,

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